

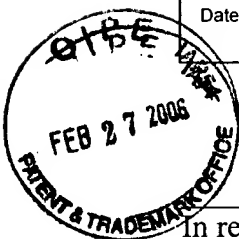
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METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THEM  
(AS AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, for which a response was due on December 20, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two (2) month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 20, 2006. Since Monday, February 20, 2006, was a federal holiday, this Response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.